

Appln. No. 10/624,861
Amendment dated April 11, 2006
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 remains in this application. Claims 1 through 8 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 10 through 22 have been added.

Paragraphs 2 through 5 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devitt in view of Gibson.

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devitt as modified by Gibson as applied to claims 1 through 6 and further in view of Silfvajt.

Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devitt in view of Gibson and Silfvajt.

Claim 9 has been amended to include recitation of elements of the invention set forth in the application, specifically in the description at pages 11 through 17.

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Devitt, Gibson and Silfvajt set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claim 9, and therefore claim 9 is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejections of claim 9 is therefore respectfully requested.

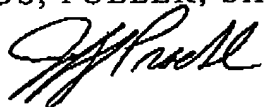
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CONCLUSION


In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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